

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The present invention relates to a method of detecting indicia on media and an imaging apparatus adapted to detect indicia on media. The indicia on the media contains near infrared absorbing dye and the method and apparatus  
5 comprises using dual detectors. One of the detectors is adapted to be used at the peak absorption wavelength of the dye in the indicia and the other detector is adapted to be used off of the peak to detect and remove variations caused by the media.